

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] In the first extraction step, the crude lecithin is contacted with a blend of ethanol and water by mixing the crude lecithin into the ethanol/water blend. The ratio of the lecithin to the ethanol/water blend may range from about 1:1 to 1:5. However, a ratio of 1:3 may yield good results. The ratio of ethanol to water in the blend may range from about 1:1 [[or]] to about 5:4, although other ratios may also be suitable. Mixing is conducted in a shear mixer in order to ensure that the lecithin is broken up sufficiently. The shear mixer may be a high shear mixer or a low shear mixer. The high shear mixer can thoroughly mix the components of a mixture at a high speed, while the low shear mixer mixes the components of a mixture at a low speed.